

ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MARCH 15, 2011
MINUTES

PRESENT: Susie Austin, Rose Barton, Lou Hernandez, Tom Cozzens, Susan Andrews, Pat Miller, James Pearson

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m.

INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS AND GUESTS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of February 15, 2011 were approved as corrected. The word half way corrected to halfway under Discussion of Unmet Needs second paragraph, last sentence. The motion was voted on and carried.

PRESENTATIONS

Susie Austin discussed the AODA Advisory Committee's presentation of 2012 Unmet Needs to the Human Services Board. Overall, there was a healthy discussion. Claudia Roska from the Addiction Resource Council was available to answer questions about early intervention services. The Board had questions about medicated assisted treatment and coverage for Suboxone. There were concerns about duplication of services since Quality Addiction Management offers Suboxone. A discussion followed.

Mike DeMares discussed budget issues with the Advisory Committee. The State of Wisconsin is expected to reduce cost in Medicaid, and at this time, Waukesha County is not sure how this will affect its budget. A discussion followed.

Mike also discussed the purpose of the AODA Advisory Committee is to make recommendations for needs the county may have. The County Executive decides the budget and the County Board votes on the budget. He also explained that the Mental Health and AODA Outpatient Clinic receive money from the county tax levy, Medicare, Medicaid, insurance reimbursement, and state money. This source of money is deducted from the clinic expenses. A discussion followed.

The public hearings will be held on April 21, 2011 at 7:00 pm. They are usually in the Expo Center.

Susie Austin brought up the AODA Volunteers and how appreciated they are for the work they do to support recovery in Waukesha County. Tom Cozzens stated that they hope to have four workshops this year. The first one will be in May, and the topic will be on Community Resources.

DISCUSSION OF COMMITTEE FOR PRESENTATIONS AND FOCUS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

The committee discussed inviting La Casa to present on needs of Spanish speaking residents and any concerns they may have. The committee has concerns about why there is a reduction in requests for substance abuse services for Spanish speaking residents. They are also interested in inviting someone from 180 Diversion Program, Needle Exchange Program, James Place and Salvation Army. Susan suggested that representatives from some of these agencies may also be invited to be on the advisory committee.

The Overflow Shelter closes on April ³⁰28, 2011. They are running at full capacity and Susie Austin brought up concern as to what is out there to help the homeless once the shelter closes.

CITIZEN MEMBER REPORT

Deferred.

COUNTY AODA STAFF LIAISON REPORT

Susan Andrews reiterated what Tom Cozzens said about the Waukesha County Volunteers and the workshops they are having. She also stated that Waukesha County is looking into if opiate medicated detox is feasible through the county.

ADJOURNMENT

Lou Hernandez made a motion to adjourn, seconded by James Pearson to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m. The motion was voted on and passed.

Minutes recorded by Dawn Cagney and James Pearson.

Approved on 4-19-11
Date